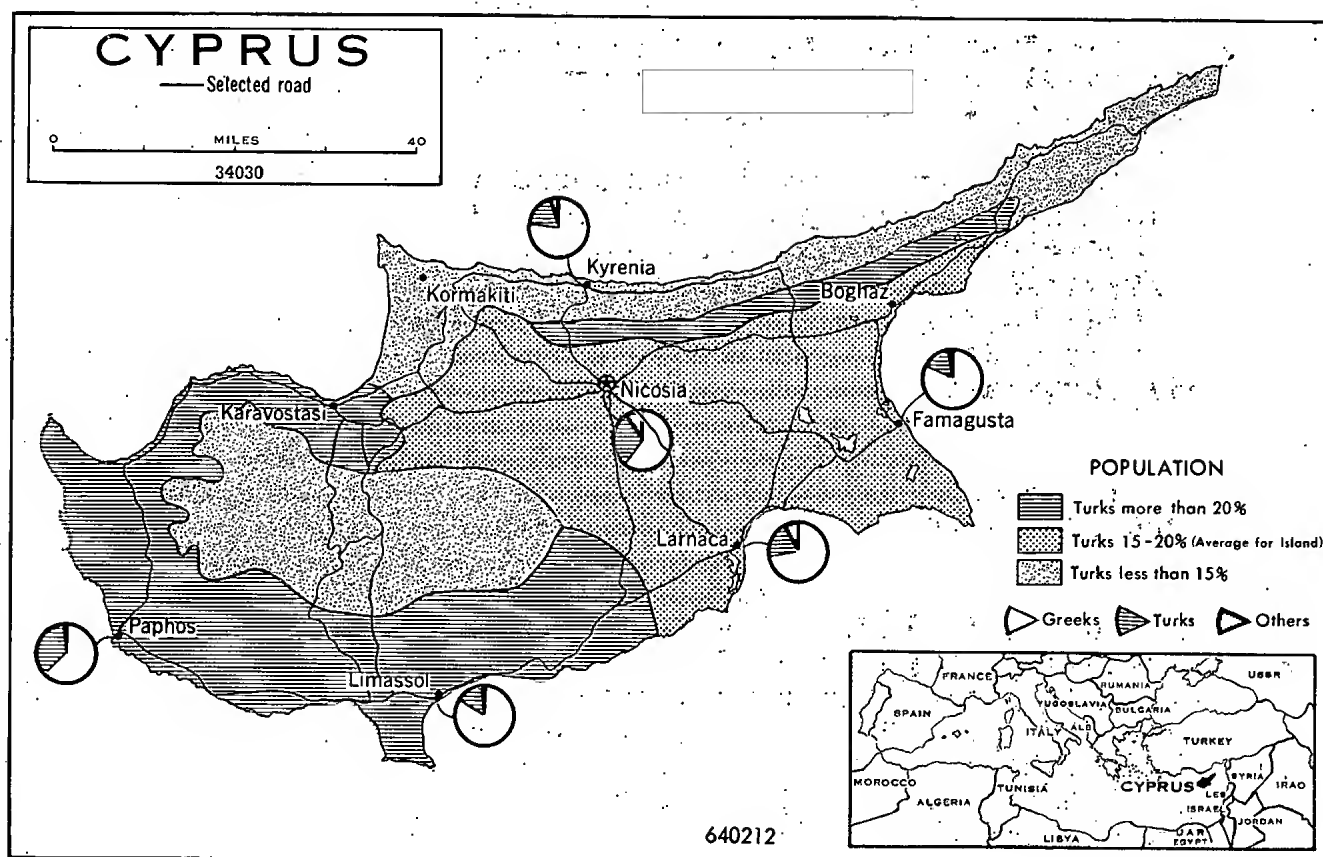


# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Cyprus

a. The island is reported quiet this morning following the recent violence at Limassol, though [redacted] the cease-fire arranged there is extremely precarious.

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b. It is now established that this incident, in which at least 16 were killed and nearly 50 wounded--mostly Turks--was a pre-planned and coordinated attack by Greek Cypriots who evidently believed the Turkish Cypriots were planning to seize the port facilities.

c. They used automatic weapons, mortars, and armored bulldozers in the assault.

d. Although we are without the results of Under Secretary Ball's final meeting with Makarios this morning, it is clear that Makarios has been unmoved, still insisting on going to the UN and working out a peacekeeping force from there.

e. He obviously has an exaggerated impression of his prospects for quick and favorable treatment at the UN.

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g. The Turkish National Security Council was called into session yesterday, with top military commanders present. There are no indications yet of any decisions taken, but the government has publicly warned that "urgent measures must be taken to establish security on Cyprus."

h. In southern Turkey, troops continue amphibious assault training.

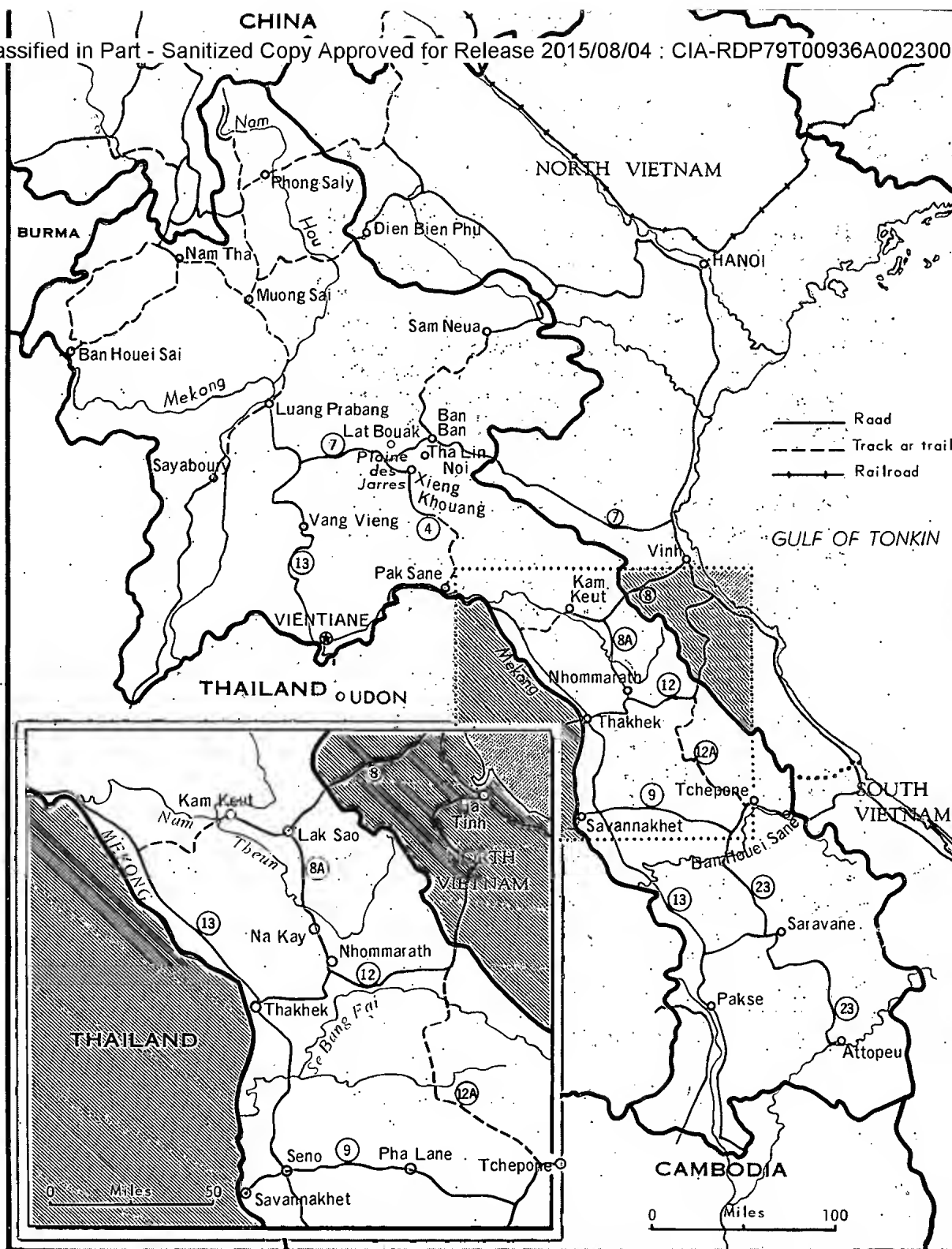
i. Press reports this morning say that the port of Iskenderun has been cleared of civilian shipping and the main quay taken over by the navy.

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k. Because of the tense situation, Ankara has decided not to participate in the NATO exercise scheduled to take place off Malta beginning on 24 February.

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## 2. Laos

a. Communist military pressure continues on several fronts in Laos.

b. That the Communists mean business is indicated by the presence of regular North Vietnamese (PAVN) battalions in several areas. Since the Geneva Accords of 1962, the maintenance of the Communist position had been left mostly in the weaker hands of the Pathet Lao brethren.

c. In south and central Laos, two or three PAVN battalions have stiffened a Pathet Lao push which now threatens the Mekong valley, Route 13, and the towns of Thakhek and Savannakhet.

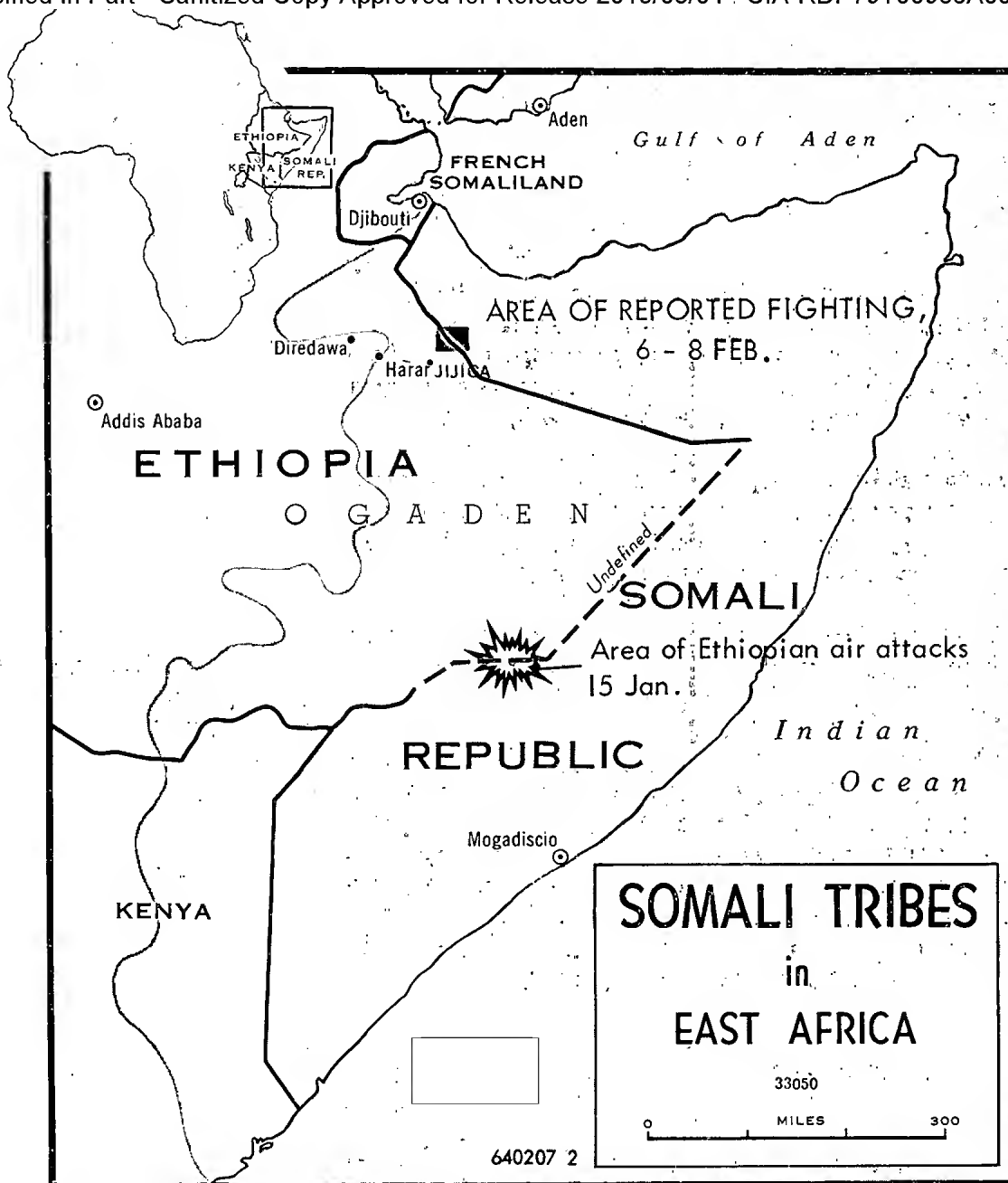
d. In the Plaine des Jarres, the Pathet Lao

have displaced Lao Army elements from positions near Communist-held Xieng Khouang town.

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f. Talk, meanwhile, of ICC investigations, even in those areas accessible to them, remains just talk.

g. The situation clearly has the Thais on edge.

h. They have asked for a special SEATO meeting

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3. Ethiopia-Somalia

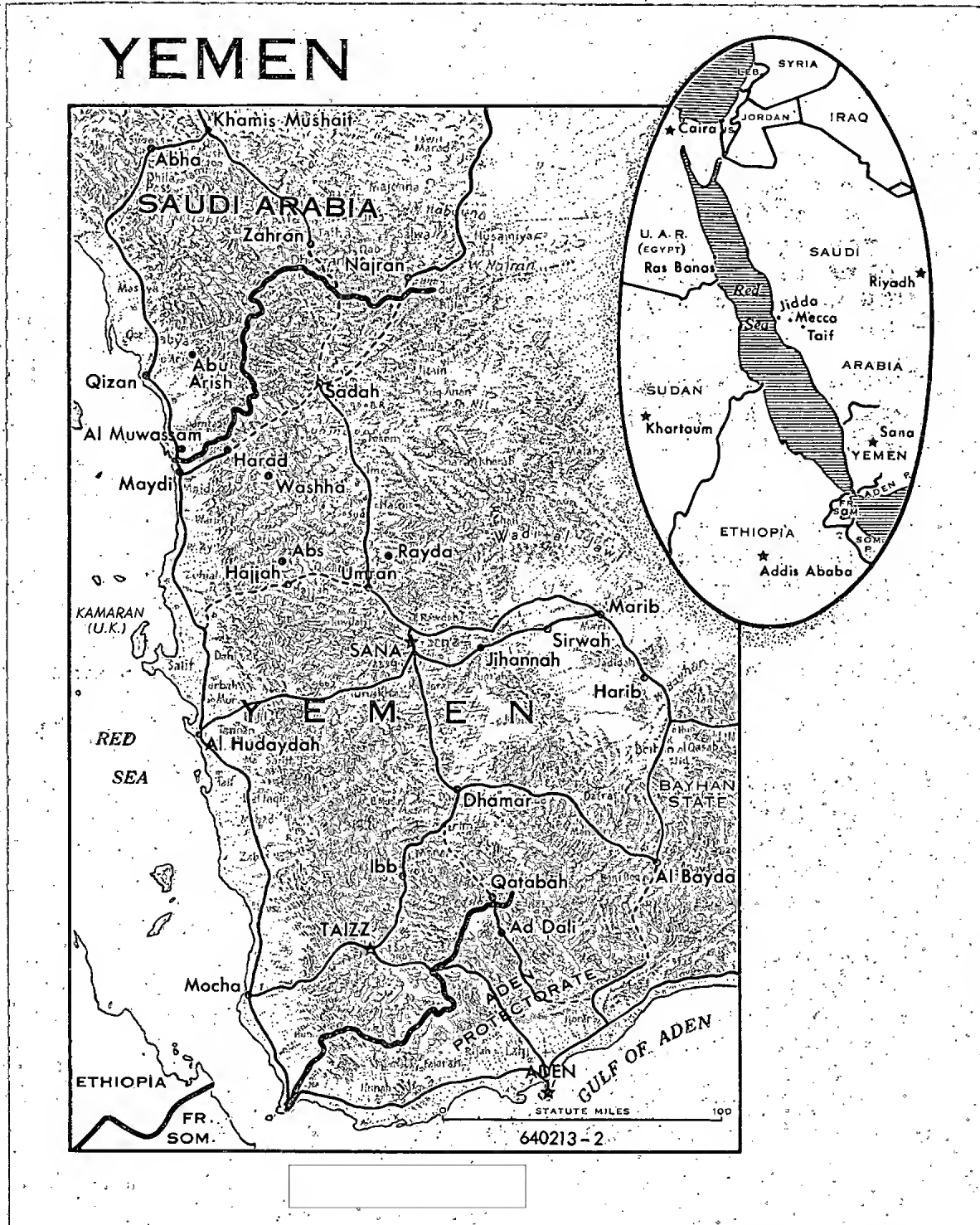
a. Sporadic fighting continued into yesterday along the border.

b. The dispute has been inscribed in the agenda of the OAU African Foreign Ministers' meeting currently under way in Dar-es-Salaam.

c. The prospect is that something similar to the decision in the Algerian-Moroccan dispute will emerge, with a cease-fire order and a commission appointed to investigate and report back.

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d. Haile Selassie will not like this idea much. On the spot investigation will show up Ethiopian inability to control tribesmen in the Ogaden area, and it will do nothing, the Ethiopians think, to stop inflammatory Somali radiobroadcasts.

e. The Somali position does not have wide African support, however, and Haile Selassie, founding father of the OAU, will probably wind up cooperating with the organization.

#### 4. Yemen

a. Yemeni royalist activity has picked up somewhat recently. Dissident tribesmen, south of the capital at Sana, managed temporarily to cut the Sana-Taiz road and are still harassing traffic in this previously quiet sector.

b. This is despite the presence in the country of the largest number yet (35,000) of Egyptian troops.

c. The Egyptian-Yemeni government position has been weakened somewhat by desertions of dissatisfied tribal elements.

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5. Tanganyika

a. President Nyerere has been putting heavy pressure on Tanganyika's security police, such as they are, to uncover a major plot which he believes exists to overthrow the government.

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these troops seem to be making indiscriminate arrests [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] police, government workers, and trade unionists.

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c. [ ] the OAU emergency meeting in Dar-es-Salaam has endorsed Nyerere's plan to replace British troops in Tanganyika with an all African force totalling three battalions and an air unit. They will probably be largely Algerian, Nigerian, and Ethiopian troops.

d. No details are available on how soon this scheme will go into operation.

6. Maphilindo  
Talks

a. Tunku Rahman's talks in Phnom Penh with Macapagal ended Wednesday with statements by both that the "air had been cleared of misunderstanding."

b. In fact, the talks were amicable, but the Tunku had no success in moving Macapagal in his direction.

c. It is not even clear whether Malaysia and the Philippines will proceed now to set up consular relations or merely begin now to consider doing so. Probably the latter.

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d. There is talk that the three-way ministerial meetings will resume under Thai aegis next week, but the Tunku has indicated that Malaysian elections are coming up in April or May--a hint that if anyone is looking for concessions, they should not expect them before that time, if ever.

e. The meeting may be put off, despite Indonesian eagerness to keep the ball rolling.

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B. South Vietnam Dissatisfaction persists with South Vietnam's military and security forces. Morale is declining

The feeling is that all the promotions and prestigious positions accrue to those associated with the coup. Many in the military see Khanh's coup as nothing more than a continuing power struggle among generals.

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D. Panama A "civic demonstration of solidarity" is scheduled for eleven o'clock this morning in Panama City. It will involve a 15-minute work stoppage, halting of all traffic, and playing of the Panamanian national anthem.

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